

House Resolution 186

By: Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Silcox of the 52nd, Efstration of the 104th, Oliver of the 82nd, Kelley of the 16th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 10-16, 2019, as Georgia Court Reporting and Captioning Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, for millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history; to accomplish this task they have relied on scribes; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and, since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history; and
- 9 WHEREAS, scribes were present with our nation's founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights were drafted; and
- 11 WHEREAS, President Lincoln trusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and
- 12 WHEREAS, since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and
- 15 WHEREAS, court reporters are present in the Georgia General Assembly, preserving members' words and actions; and
- 17 WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hearing-impaired Americans every day; and

21 WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve
22 our history; and

23 WHEREAS, whether called scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of
24 today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize February 10-16, 2019, as Georgia Court Reporting and
27 Captioning Week at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Georgia Shorthand Reporters Association.